

where he dealt with his physical deformity and was considered handicapped. Twelve years later Joe needed a third spinal surgery when his lower back started to twist and curve which split his original fusion. Joe decided to cycle a 3,800 mile journey, "cycling for the cause", from San Francisco, CA to Boston, MA, to create awareness about scoliosis and reach out to the 6 million people in the United States affected with it. He began his trip June 2, 1996 in spite of his three spinal fusion. Joe saw this as an opportunity to create awareness about scoliosis and reach out to the 6 million people in the United States affected with it. Joe, also sees this trip as a way to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the National Scoliosis Foundation and the 30th year of his first scoliosis surgery. The Foundation [NSF] should be commended for its efforts to help raise funds for supporting research into the cause and treatment of scoliosis.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph O'Brien is an outstanding individual and I know you will join me in congratulating him for his contribution to find a cure for scoliosis and other spinal deformities.

CLIFTON PARK ELKS LODGE
CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this time to commend the good people who make up the Clifton Park Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. This month, they are celebrating 25 years of existence in the Clifton Park area.

But Mr. Speaker, they have done more than just exist during the past quarter century. In fact, the membership in Elks Lodge No. 2466 has soared to an incredible 600 members. But aside from that, over the course of the years, the members of this lodge have made great strides in expanding and improving their facilities, thus being able to attract and secure more and more of their neighbors in the area as brother Elks. They have added a pavilion to host topnotch outdoor events and gatherings, a softball field and now, they have opened a new, larger lodge.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the Clifton Park Elks Lodge have a great deal for which to be proud considering all that they have accomplished in their relatively brief history. And as a brother Elk myself, I can't tell you how proud I personally am of their achievements. That's because, every time the Elks grow in numbers, that means there is another patriot out there to promote pride, patriotism, and citizenship among our fellow Americans. I can't say enough about how much this organization and the members like those from Clifton Park in my congressional district do on behalf of flag, country, and community. In fact, Mr. Speaker, it is the Elks who raise awareness of our flag and remind us what it means to America. I'm proud to say the Elks stood by my side as part of the Citizens Flag Alliance and lent their support to my constitutional amendment to prohibit the physical destruction of our flag. As you know, that measure was overwhelmingly approved here in the House, and failed by just three votes in the Senate. But I know with the support of lodges like those in

Clifton Park and the more than 1.2 million Elks around the country that the fight to protect Old Glory is not over.

Mr. Speaker, we all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to organizations like the Elks and lodges like No. 2466. Their activities act as a constant reminder to all of us of our roots and what it took to get our great Nation where we are today. For that Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all Members of the House join me in paying tribute to the Clifton Parks Elks Lodge and all they've accomplished.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOHN
WILLIAM KENNEDY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 1996

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave Virginian and proud member of the U.S. Air Force, who gave his life in service to his country. Capt. John William Kennedy known to his family and friends as Jack will complete his long awaited journey home to be laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery, Friday August 2, 1996.

Capt. John William Kennedy was lost while flying a visual reconnaissance mission in an O-2A over Quangtin Province of South Vietnam. Captain Kennedy was a forward air controller with the 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron based in Chu Lai, Vietnam in support of the 23d Infantry Division.

On August 16, 1971, radio contact was lost with Captain Kennedy's plane during normal radio communication check-in. There were no radio calls, no crash site found, and no eye witnesses. However, there were reports of a North Vietnamese regiment operating in the area. Captain Kennedy was listed as "Missing in Action" a status he carried until July of 1978, when the Air Force re-evaluated his status to "Presumed Killed in Action." In May of this year, Captain Kennedy's family was contacted by the U.S. Air Force with a positive identification of Captain Kennedy's remains.

Born in Washington, DC, Captain Kennedy was raised in Arlington and graduated from Wakefield High School in 1965. He then went on to the prestigious Virginia Military Institute and graduated in 1969, with a degree in Civil Engineering. In 1969 he was named Southern Conference Wrestling Champion in the 160 pound weight class. He was cocaptain of the varsity wrestling and soccer teams, a member of the VMI Honor Court, inducted into the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and Kappa Alpha. In 1980, Captain Kennedy was inducted into the Virginia Military Institute Sports Hall of Fame.

Captain Kennedy's military awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Captain Kennedy is survived by his mother Sally Chewning Kennedy of Lake Ridge, VA and his brother Daniel E. Kennedy, Jr. of Dumfries, VA.

I offer the heartfelt appreciation of all Americans to Captain Kennedy's family and hope that they find solace in knowing America appreciates the profound loss they have experi-

enced and the turmoil they have been through in bringing Captain Kennedy home.

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DESERVES THANKS

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 1996

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, every year, for the past 5 years, a local company based in the 21st District of Pennsylvania, Armstrong Cable, has sponsored the Senior Classic Golf Tournament which has raised funds to help the people of the Meadville, PA, area. The tournament itself and the auction of autographed gold memorabilia has raised over \$50,000 for charity. On August 8, the classic will tee off again.

The tournament demonstrates the good that individuals, businesses, and our communities can do when they join together to help those less fortunate than themselves. This year the tournament, at Oakland Beach Golf Course in Conneaut Lake, will benefit Habitat for Humanity, the READ Program, CASA—a child's advocate court program, the Meadville Public Library, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Fund, and Meadville Community Theater. Armstrong is also supporting renovation of the community's historic Academy Theater.

I applaud Armstrong Cable Services for continuing the deep community involvement of its predecessor, Meadville Master Antenna, and I commend all of the individuals who will make this charitable function succeed. Joan Kocan, of Armstrong Cable Services, has tirelessly worked to host the tournament and to draft many generous corporate sponsors. She and the other Armstrong workers deserve our gratitude for volunteering during the entire function.

I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing success to the Armstrong Cable Senior Classic.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, July 28, Calvary Baptist Church of Belmar, NJ, will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The celebration will begin with a worship service Sunday morning, followed by a luncheon at the Belmar Elks Club.

Mr. Speaker, Calvary Baptist Church was founded on Christmas Day 1894 by a group of families who desired to worship together in the Baptist tradition. The official organization as a church was completed on July 1, 1896, and the first communion was held July 26 of that year. The original name was Memorial Baptist Church, and the building was originally erected at the corner of Main Street and 12th Avenue. In July 1925, the name was changed to Calvary Baptist Church and the building was moved to its present location at 13th Avenue and E Street. A Sunday school wing and fellowship hall were later added to the facility.